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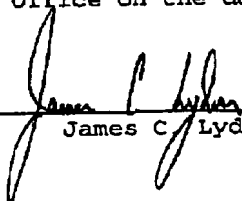
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By: Alain POUCHELON et al.  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Alain POUCHELON et al.

ATTN: Refund Section  
Accounting Division  
Office of Finance

Serial Number: 10/522,578

Filed: January 28, 2005

For: COMPOSITION BASED ON SILICONE OILS THAT CAN  
BE CROSSLINKED INTO ELASTOMERS FOR THE  
IMPREGNATION TREATMENT OF FIBROUS MATERIALS

REQUEST FOR REFUND PURSUANT TO 35 USC § 376

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 30, 2005

Sir:

The Patent Office is requested to refund \$100.00, and to credit the refund to our Deposit Account No. 50-1258. The facts supporting this Refund Request follow:

1. This application is a U.S. National Stage of International application PCT/FR2003/050017.
2. The 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act split the National fee for Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) applications entering the U.S. National Stage into a separate National fee, search fee and examination fee during fiscal years 2005 and 2006. These fees became effective December 8, 2004.

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3. This application, except for the inventors' declaration, was filed on January 28, 2005. The then-current filing fees were paid at that time, specifically including a search fee of \$500.00.

4. A PCT Search Report was provided to the Office at the time the search fee was paid (January 28, 2005).

5. The Patent Office revised its search and examination fees for PCT applications entering the National Stage in the United States on February 1, 2005. See "Revision of Search and Examination Fees for Patent Cooperation Treaty Applications Entering the National Stage in the United States," 70 Fed. Reg. 5053 (February 1, 2005) ("Interim Rule"). Importantly, the changes in the Interim Rule apply to all International applications entering the National Stage under 35 USC § 371 for which the basic National fee specified in 35 USC § 41 is paid on or after December 8, 2004.

6. The Interim Rule states the Office will refund \$100.00 (\$50.00 for small entities) if an International search report on the International application has been prepared and is provided to the Office no later than the time at which the search fee is paid.

**ARGUMENT**

This application satisfies the requirements set forth in the Interim Rule for refund of a portion of the search fee. More

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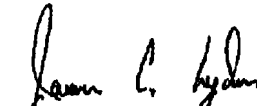
specifically, the applicants provided an International search report on the International application to the Office no later than the time at which the search fee had been paid.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

The Patent Office is requested to refund \$100.00 of the applicants' search fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1258.

It is not believed any fee is required for entry and consideration of this Refund Request. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1258 in the amount of any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attorney's Docket No. 028443-072

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

Timo PIRILÄ

Application No.: 10/549,186

Filed: September 16, 2005

For: ICE RESURFACING MACHINE AS  
WELL AS SYSTEM AND METHOD  
FOR ICE MAINTENANCE

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed with a Preliminary Amendment canceling Claims 14-18. Thus, the application was filed with a total of 13 claims, including 3 independent claims.

The Application Transmittal Letter filed with the application inadvertently indicated a total of 5 independent claims. Thus, an excess independent claim fee of \$200 (for small entity) was included in the filing fee. However, as noted above, in light of the cancellation of Claims 14-18, the application was filed with a total of 3 independent claims. Thus, there was no need to submit an excess independent claim fee.

In light of the foregoing, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to refund the excess independent claim fee of \$200.00 and to credit such refund to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

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Should any questions arise in connection with this matter, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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